

# Quote

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may we QUOTE you on that?



[1] Gen CURTIS E LE MAY, Air Force vice chief of staff, completing a record 6,350-mi nonstop flight in a jet sky tanker: "The day of long-distance manned bombers will not be over in the foreseeable future despite progress of guided missiles."

... [2] Gen THOMAS POWER, chief of U S Strategic Air Command, on readiness of U S to retaliate against any aggressor: "At any given moment a certain percentage of SAC planes are in the air, and they aren't carrying swords or bows and arrows." ... [3] GEO F KENNAN, U S Ambassador to Moscow, '50-'52: "We cannot prevent people from acquiring the ability to destroy us. Our problem is to see that they do not have the will or the incentive to do so. For this we have to preserve and cultivate retaliatory capacity. This does not necessarily imply an endless industrial and scientific race." ... [4] ADLAI STEVENSON, accepting post as Dem-

ocratic consultant on Atlantic Alliance: "In view of the gravity of our situation, I have both a desire and a duty to assist our gov't, regardless of partisanship or personal convenience." ... [5] Navy spokesman, on plans for launching U S satellite: "We're shooting for Dec, and hope it will be early in the month." ... [6] Sir GEO THOMSON, emeritus prof of physics, London Univ, discussing costs of space travel: "One cannot expect to visit planets for the cost of a ticket to Margate." (Margate is a popular British seaside resort, 75 mi's from London. Small steamers make the trip in season for 15 shillings.) ... [7] Unidentified would-be suicide, who got mud in his eye after plunge in a W Va river: "Everything's all wrong. Even the river is too shallow!"

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## moving finger



Some 3 wks hence we shall mark the 15th b'day of the Atomic Age. On Dec 2, 1942, a little group of scientists, working in secrecy at the Univ of Chicago, demonstrated for the 1st time a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction.

We like to think of this as an American achievement. But that is true only in the sense that the experiment was conducted with our official blessing. The secrets of the atom were known the world around. And we might humbly recall that an Italian physicist played the stellar role on our soil.

Soon, in any case, the Atomic Age would have dawned—if not in Chicago, then in Berlin, in Moscow, in Rome. For the atom had a date with destiny that could not be long deferred. There had been loosed in the world a restless knowledge as explosive as the elements of the atom itself.

Yes, ours was in some degree an accidental ascendancy. But the Manhattan Project that brought the atom to fruition was no acci-

dent. It was the spirit of America at work in the forest primeval.

And what pall has fallen now upon that spirit? Why this craven defeatism in a time that calls for courage, and conquest?

Another great power, centering its every resource on a limited objective, has achieved spectacular success. By the margin of perhaps a few months, we have been inched from the limelight. And we are behaving like the spoiled alumni whose team has, by a narrow margin, lost the 1st Big Game.

Who do we think we are, anyway? By what right are we presumed to win every toss? So long as a coin has two sides, it is bound now and again to turn up tails.

In God's name, let's get back our sense of perspective. This is *America!* The America of the Manhattan Project. The land of power, prosperity and productive genius. A land so rich—and so resourceful—that we can afford both missiles and marmalade—but not muddle-headed mudslinging.

*Maxwell Droke*



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'He who never quotes. is never quoted'

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



## AGE—1

A young executive (at least he *thought* he was young) was stopped by an 18-yr-old sec'y Monday. "Please, sir," she began, "was Hitler World War I or World War II?"—TONY WEITZEL, *Chicago Daily News*.

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The pres of the Over-Eighty Club was challenged for admitting two mbrs who were only 78. He explained, "Well, every organization needs some young blood."—EUGENE P BERTIN, *Pennsylvania School Jnl*.

## ART—2

Art, a vital part of life, is often overlooked. It is not a separate entity, but a spirit of beauty that pervades all. The problem is not so much creating a more artistic or beautiful world, but merely recognizing the beauty that is already present. — SUE ANN GROVES, Geo Peabody College for Teachers, "For the Love of Art," *Peabody Jnl of Education*, 9-57.

## AUTOMATION—3

Automation has even invaded the human prerogative of making mistakes. A 331-mile section of a mid-western ry has now been equipped with mechanical monitors which cancel out any switch-throwing by a dispatcher which could lead 2 trains into a collision.—*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

## BEHAVIOR—4

The history of revolutionary movements is stark warning that the Golden Rule is far more than a sentimental saying. Ralph Barton Perry records the fact that in the French Revolution, the monsters of cruelty, such as Marat, "were seeking balm for the incurable wounds inflicted upon their self-esteem when they were despised subordinates in the establishments of great nobles." . . . It was not those who had the most solid grievances who led the French Revolution, but the bourgeois, who despite wealth and professional success, were snubbed by the aristocracy. In some measure Napoleon was right in his cynical observation that: "Vanity made the revolution; liberty was only the pretext." — HAROLD BLAKE WALKER, "Everybody is a Somebody," *Presbyterian Life*, 10-19-57.

## CHILD—Training—5

A soc'y that is more concerned about the am't of chrome on its automobiles than for the growth of its children is going to be in deeper trouble as we go down the rd of history. — WALTER REUTHER, quoted by CARL J MEGEL, *American Teacher*.

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By Les & Liz  
Carpenter

Soldiers of the 101st Airborne will slowly "fade away" from Little Rock scene, until suddenly Arkansas will wake up one morning and find the city evacuated by Fed'l troops.

This is the informed guess of high Justice Dep't officials who anticipate that another incident will then flare up, incited by extreme segregationists. If this occurs the Dep't will file an injunction naming persons and organizations on whom information is now being gathered.

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*For those who complain they can't understand women, the Smithsonian Institution has provided one that is transparent. This life-size plastic fabrication, made in Cologne, Germany, will stand in the Hall of Health.*

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Recent switch of Rep Vincent J Dellay, of N J from Republican to Democratic Party in the middle of 1st House term presents a unique situation. Only other cases recalled in this century involved switches between major and minor parties. Sen Wayne Morse, of Oregon, changed 1st from Republican to Independent and finally became a Democrat. The late Sen Rob't M LaFollette, Sr, of Wis, shifted Republican to Progressive.

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#### CHURCH—Attendance—6

Now I am well aware that a host of persons go to church only three times in their lives. This is for *hatching, matching and dispatching*. Or to put it differently, they go to be sprinkled three times: With *water, rice and dust*.—T WM HALL, "Religion in Twentieth Century America," *Educational Leader*.

#### CHURCH—Financing—7

Ministers have been almost as much inhibited by the plea, "Don't talk about money in the pulpit" as by the slogan, "Don't talk about politics in the pulpit." But the proper handling of money is an essential part of religion. If a person's religion does not direct as well as affect both the making and the spending of his money, it has not come to grips with the realities of his everyday existence. —Dr ROB'T J McCracken, pastor, Riverside Church, N Y C.

#### EDUCATION—8

The half-century-long decline in study of science and math in high schools was reversed last yr, according to the U S Office of Education. For the 1st time since 1910, the proportion of students taking science and math courses increased. More high schools made such instruction available. In '56 physics and chemistry were offered by 82% of the nation's high schools, against only 77% in '54; and 81% gave courses in plane geometry, compared with 78% in '54. But enrollments are still far behind 1910. For example, last yr 28.7% of all high school students were taking algebra; in 1910, 56.9%. —"Science and the Citizen," *Scientific American*, 10-'57.

## book briefs...



One thing to be said in favor of the niks — Sput and Mutt: They certainly are booming the book business. All books on rockets and related themes are moving briskly in the stalls and libraries. Even the paperbacks bearing portraits of guided missiles are currently out-selling those featuring undraped misses.

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In an interestingly indirect way the house of Dutton has acquired rights to a potentially important documentary volume — the correspondence of Stalin with Franklin D Roosevelt, Harry S Truman, Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee, covering the period of 1941-'45. Moscow published the book originally, translating the English letters into Russian. Elliot Macrae, of Duttons acquired the U S rights—and a peck of problems.

To begin with, many of the letters are official, so that State Dep't clearance is required. The personal letters may involve even more tedious procedure. Due to an odd quirk of our law, one may freely buy or sell the letters of a noted person, but they cannot be printed without his permission; the writer of the missive (not the person addressed) owns all rights to the text. Finally, there is the point that a reputable publisher cannot trust Russian translations of the letters written originally in English. Dutton, of course, will seek the official English text. But there remains the question of whether the Stalin text

Our nation was founded, and our constitution was written, by men who got their learning from reading books.—Dr E G Trortzig, Univ of S Dakota, in *Phi Delta Kappan*.

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has been deleted or doctored—a matter that becomes doubly significant now that the Russian wartime leader has been discredited by the Soviet oligarchy.

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Doyle Getter writes in the *Milwaukee Jnl* of a matron with 3 small children who grew restless in her domestic life; decided to get away for a couple of days a wk, ret'n to college and work on a master's degree. She enrolled in a psychology course. The 1st book assigned her to read was Dr Benjamin Spock's *Baby and Child Care*.

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A smallish volume out this month, *The Little Black Book: A Manual for Bachelors* (Doubleday) divides *les girls* into convenient categories; gives advice on how to win them—and how to avoid winning them forever. Carrying the somewhat implausible bylines of Cadwallader and Nudnick, the text actually was written by Pat Nerney and Paul Clemens—both securely married.

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### QUOTE Binders

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### EXERCISE—9

Early man, a hunter, walked an average of 20 mi's a day, according to anthropologist Rob't Briffault.

The Gallup Poll, in a survey made 2 yrs ago, concluded that the average North American walks a fraction less than 2 mi's a day. — HOWARD O'HAGAN, *Maclean's*, Toronto.

### FUTURE—10

It is est'd by competent authorities that our annual production of wealth will reach \$500 billion before 1965, \$750 billion by 1980 and perhaps \$1,000 billion by the yr 2000. If so, the average personal income will be \$4,000 by 1980 and the average family will have \$15,000 to \$20,000 to spend. — Dr GERALD WENDT, lecturer and author, "More Time Tomorrow," *NEA Jnl*, 10-'57.

### GOD—and Man—11

Maybe the Lord lets some people get into trouble because that is the only time they ever think of him. — *Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

### GOSSIP—12

Keeping a secret from some people is like trying to smuggle daylight past a rooster.—*Good Business*.

### GRATITUDE—13

Postal officials say that before Christmas they receive tons of letters written to Santa Claus, but after Christmas how few letters of thanks are sent to him! From childhood onward, human beings

## *Quote* scrap book

*In the 30 yrs he served on the Supreme Ct, Justice OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES made many wise observations. To one of his statements we may, in these tensioned times, be tempted to make caustic interpolation. Nevertheless, the sentiment was at the time arresting, and remains basically sound:*

*Taxes are what we pay for civilized society.*

seem to be characterized by thanklessness.—ROB'T G LEE, "... For All His Benefits," *Moody Monthly*.

### HEALTH—14

I have often thought how wonderful it would have been if the patients I've treated could have learned to help themselves *before* they started down the road to misery and ill health. I wish more people could consciously cultivate the states of mind that keep us well and could be warned to avoid habits of thought that lead to mental

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and physical sickness. I believe this can be done. It will mean fewer patients for psychiatrists and all other doctors, because many physical illnesses, we now know, are not caused by germs, poisons, or injury but by thoughts and feelings that upset the functioning of the body until it becomes sick. — Dr SMILEY BLANTON, psychoanalyst, (with JACK LONG,) "8 States of Mind That Keep You Well," *Family Circle*, 11-'57.

#### IDEALS—15

There is nothing in history, dark as much of it is, to check the belief that man will at last be overcome by his highest ideals.—*R & R Mag*, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.

#### INDIVIDUALITY—16

The recognition of the dignity of the individual, even more than the increase of knowledge, is the special glory of the modern age.—HUMAYUN KABIR, philosopher, author and India's minister of Civil Aviation, "Faiths for a Complex World," *American Scholar*, Autumn '57.

#### INDUSTRY—Profit—17

Today's profits are yesterday's good will ripened.—EUGENE P BERTIN, *Pennsylvania School Jnl*.

#### LABOR—Strikes—18

It is reported that a new computer has been invented to help striking employes calculate what they lose while on strike and how long it will take to offset the loss if they succeed in securing higher wage rates. If a worker earning \$82 a wk is on strike for 20 wks and ret'd to work with a 10% hrly increase this little computer shows him that it will take 7 yrs 46 wks to amortize his loss. — HARRY C VAUGHN, *Employment Counselor*.

#### LIFE—Living—19

Life's harvests cannot be gathered in the autumn of life only; they have to be brought in every day.—FORD LEWIS, "Learning to Live with Ourselves," *Childhood Education*, 10-'57.

#### MODERN AGE—20

There was a time when reading the newspapers and keeping up with the latest books was the mark of an educated citizen. Today, in addition to being well read one must know about Yul Brynner, Geo Gobel, Alastair Cooke, Mary Martin, Frank Baxter, Bennett Cerf, Edw R Murrow and many others, or be counted a mass media illiterate. — ALBERTA L MEYER, audiovisual consultant in the St Louis Public Schools, "Television, Radio, Films: Barrier or Challenge?" *Childhood Education*, 9-'57.

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Another measure of civilization's progress is the way that the cost of relaxing keeps going up.—*Changing Times*.

#### OPINION—21

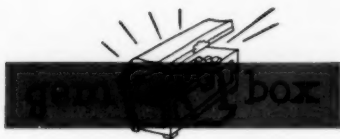
Thru the centuries, controversy has been the servant of education. There can be no education without controversy. — H ROWAN GAITHER, Jr, chmn of Trustees, Ford Foundation, *Art Education*.

#### OPPORTUNITY—22

We have to make the best of our opportunities, and if opportunity does not knock then it is up to us to seek the opening, to batter down the door if need be, and forge ahead.—FRANKLIN DWYER, *Tit-Bits*, London.

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### Senator Vest's Tribute to a Dog

*Marking the ascension of Laika, the Soviet Dog Star, to stellar realms, it may be appropriate to recall a late 19th Century tribute to canine courage and constancy.*

While practicing law in his native state Geo G VEST, a one-time U S Senator from Missouri, defended a farmer whose dog was accused in some relatively unimportant damage suit. With his plea to the jury, from which we excerpt a concluding paragraph, Vest won the case—and an enduring reputation for eloquence:

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world is his dog. . . When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journeys thru the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him. . .

And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in his embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground. . . there by the grave-side will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open to alert watchfulness, faithful and true, even in death.

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### PROPAGANDA—23

Propaganda is pervasive in our time. There has always been some propaganda, but in the modern age it is organized, intentional and relatively more effective. Moreover, modern propaganda emphasizes distortion and derationalizes the popular opinion process. It usually does not help the individual to come to a rational understanding of public issues but rather attempts to induce him to follow nonrational emotional drives. All fields of human activity in which special interest groups exist, and there are constantly more of them, are the areas in which the propagandist operates.—WM ALIG, *Public Opinion* (McGraw-Hill).

### PSYCHOLOGY—24

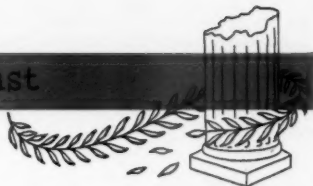
The dean of a girls' school was troubled because the girls insisted on crossing the street in front of the school without going to the corner. Warnings, penalties, and lectures did no good. Then the dean had a sign painted and set it up in the middle of the block. From that time on, the girls always walked to the corner to cross the street. What did the sign say? "Cattle Crossing!"—*Pelican*.

### RECREATION—25

Recreation for any individual should be whatever makes a new man of him, recreates him, takes his mind off the routine job, or broadens his mental or spiritual horizons. Many persons make recreation their chief form of relaxation, but recreation need not be entirely physical. It can be found in music, arts and crafts and even in good conversation. — FRED V HEIN, "The Teacher's Health," *NEA Jnl*, 10-'57.



## pathways to the past



**Dec 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** . . *Universal Bible Sunday.* . . 55 yrs ago (1902) Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr "the great dissenter," sworn in as Associate Justice of U S Supreme Ct.

**Dec 9 — 165th anniv (1792) 1st formal cremation of a white man in America.** (Following his expressed desire, the body of Henry Laurens, onetime pres of Continental Congress, was burned at his plantation near Charleston, S C). . . 105th anniv (1852) 1st railroad passenger service west of Mississippi inaugurated at St Louis. (Passengers were hauled by wood-burning locomotive to end of line at Cheltenham, distance of 5 mi's). . . 50 yrs ago (1907) Christmas seals (designed by Emily P Bissell, Wilmington, Del) 1st placed on sale in Wilmington post office. Proceeds were devoted to campaign against tuberculosis.

**Dec 10—United Nations Human Rights Day.** . . 170th anniv (1787) b of Thos H Gallaudet, pioneer teacher of deaf in U S; founder of 1st free school for their education . . . 135th anniv (1822) b of Cesar Franck, French composer. . . 55th anniv (1902) completion of great dam at Assouam, bringing Nile River under control; opening hundreds of mi's of Nile Valley to irrigation.

**Dec 11—JCI Day** (marks founding of Jr Chamber International, world org of Jr Chamber of Com-

merce). . . 50 yrs ago (1907) Pres Theodore Roosevelt declared he'd not accept nomination for another term. (Roosevelt had filled unexpired term of Wm McKinley, was serving a term "on his own." Technically, he could have run again without violating tradition against 3rd term).

**Dec 12—20 yrs ago (1937) Japanese bombed, sank U S gunboat *Panay* in Yangtze River, killing 2, wounding 32.** (Japan apologized, paid \$2,214,00 indemnity.)

**Dec 13—380 yrs ago (1577) Francis Drake left Plymouth, Eng, with 3 ships, on an historic voyage climaxed by exploration of the coast of California.** He was 1st of his countrymen to sail around the world. For his services to the Crown, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

**Dec 14—75 yrs ago (1882) Sen Geo G Vest, of Missouri (famed for his *Tribute to the Dog*) fought woman suffrage with irony and bombast.** It was in this speech that the Senator made an initial reference to the familiar phrase "woman's place is in the home." (For a timely reference to Sen Vest's canine eulogy see GEM BOX).

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'of all things'



In our frantic concern with reds, we may be neglecting the original red man, the North American Indian. That is the consensus of opinion expressed at the annual convention of the Nat'l Congress of American Indians, held last wk at Claremore, Okla.

In '53 Congress adopted a resolution asserting that it is U S policy to terminate the status of Indians as "wards." The Bureau of Indian Affairs seems to have interpreted this as a mandate to cease Fed'l supervision of tribes. But efforts to assimilate Indians in the gen'l social order have broken down. Dr Karl A Menninger, Topeka psychiatrist, addressing the convention, summed up: "You can't force the Indian to become a white man." He favors a later resolution, now pending in the Senate, which takes the position that the problem cannot be solved "by dispersal of Indian communities." It advocates continued development of the Indian's "human and economic potential" and provides that "Indian culture and identity shall not be restricted or destroyed."

A 2nd speaker, Sol Tax, chmn, Dep't of Anthropolgy, Univ of Chicago, asserted that "Indians are ill-prepared and unwilling to 'get lost' in a white social order." The U S Commissioner of Indian Affairs did not attend the sessions.

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#### RUSSIA—America—26

It didn't take long for Soviet Communists to turn their earth satellite into anti-religious propaganda. Less than a wk after Sputnik's launching, Moscow Radio broadcast a statement by the Comsomol, Communist youth league, saying the satellite "proves how wrong were all religious organizations and beliefs in speaking of heaven. We materialists create our own heaven and fill it with our own moons and stars."—*Presbyterian Life*.

#### SAFETY—27

The American factory worker today is safer at his occupation than he is during his off-time. — *Enos Magazine*, hm, Enos Coal Mining Company.

#### SPECIALIZATION—28

Time was when gifted dabblers pioneered new thought and stimulated discovery. Think of Leonardo da Vinci . . . Goethe . . . Voltaire, Humbolt, Thoreau, Edison, Ford—fellow amateurs with brilliant ideas, men of universal rather than specialized thinking. But today universality is unpopular, individualism is dangerous, nonconformism is suspect. The amateur, a man of catholic tastes, an individualist and nonconformist, must not be taken seriously. Experts tell you everything right down the line—how to live, how to be adjusted, what to drink, where to go. They pry into our dietetic, subconscious and sexual behavior. Some of them seem to have a direct line to the Almighty. If you don't happen to be an expert of sorts, you're a dope—an amateur. — JOSEPH WECHSBERG, "In Praise of the Amateur," *Holiday*, 11-'57.

### TEACHERS—Teaching—29

Educators are not mere messenger boys or service station attendants for soc'y. They should question and re-examine old and new values. Surely, one of the basic contributions of a good teacher should be to create a spirit of honest inquiry and reflection in the student.—MARK STARR, *North Central Ass'n Q'tly.*

### THANKSGIVING—30

Thanksgiving is one of our most significant holidays because it links our prosperity with God. The Pilgrims earned their good harvest by their own hard work . . . They could have been satisfied just to invite their Indian friends to a huge banquet and let it go at that. But they were a religious people, and they did recognize that Divine Providence plays a part in all good fortune. And here again they might have made it simply a spiritual day—a day of prayer and thanksgiving without any concession to their worldly desires for food and drink and good companionship. We owe them a debt because they did make their Thanksgiving Day a little of both—a day of prayer and an occasion for enjoying all the good things of life.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

### WORK—31

The old saying that "hard work never hurt anybody" is probably true today. No one is going to give it a chance.—*P-K Sidellner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

### YOUTH—32

We don't know what modern youth is coming to—but whatever it is, chances are he'll drive his car into it.—*Minneapolis Tribune.*

## Mr. Q's column



Opportunists who seek to stimulate the sale of their wares by tying in with the current Asian flu scare are likely to find Fed'l ag'ts breathing down their necks. Both the Fed'l Trade Commission and the Food & Drug Administration are checking ads carefully and are prepared to move in promptly. Food & Drug Administrator Geo Larrick made this clear in addressing Nat'l Ass'n of Retail Druggists last month. Subsequently he seized shipments of an antiseptic which were accompanied by counter cards implying that use of these preparations would reduce danger of infection from Asian flu. American Medical Ass'n has endorsed FTC and FDA position.

Well, it seems that our merry wags, in coining the term "Mutt-nik" stumbled inadvertently on an actual Russian word. The meaning, however, is unrelated. In Russian "muttnik" means "one who fishes in muddy water." And, oh yes, we learn from our Berlin scout that the people of West Germany have a name all picked out for our satellite. They suggest we call it "Spaetnik." ("Spaet" is a German word meaning "late.") In America, the AFL-CIO asserts that the U S does, even now, have an ascending rocket; it's the cost-of-living index.

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## GOOD STORIES You can use...



A mbr of a family that recently had unhappy occasion to purchase a gravestone informs us that after they had agreed on a particularly handsome monument, the salesman attested to the excellence of their choice. "It's the Cadillac of granite," he said solemnly. — *New Yorker*. a

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The attorney for the complainant in the divorce case put his client on the stand.

"Now as I understand it," he said sympathetically, "every night when you returned from work, instead of having your wife alone and waiting for you, you found a different man hiding in the closet?"

"Yes—that's right."

"And this, of course, caused you untold anguish and unhappiness, did it not?"

"Why, sure!" came the hurt reply. "I never had any room to hang my clothes!"—*E E KENYON, American Wkly.* b

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"I've just heard about your husband being in the hospital," said the neighbor sympathetically. "What happened?"

"It's his knee," repl'd the wife. "I found a blonde on it."—*Pacific Oil-Motive Mag.* c

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### I Laughed At This One

ALLAN F HERDMAN

A timid little guy with a bald pate appeared at an information window in the Dep't of Socialized Medicine in an English city and said to the clerk, "Please, sir, I'd like to get a free wig—a brown one, with just a dash of gray at the temples, if it isn't too much bother."

"Very well," said the clerk, scribbling something on a sheet of paper. "Take this order up to our periwig dept on the 4th floor—room 437. They will take care of you."

"Oh, thank you, sir!" said the timid little bald-headed guy, as he clutched the paper and departed.

An hr later he was back, his pate as naked as before.

"Why aren't you wearing a new wig?" the clerk asked.

"Wrong number," lisped the timid little guy. "Pulf aw my teeef insteff!"

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Writing for the *San Francisco News*, Jack Rosenbaum offers this one: "A local trailer company lists one important advantage. 'You have a place to live while you're looking for a place to park.' " d

A man of Scottish descent was attracting much attention in the hotel lobby with his tales of accomplishments.

"Well, now," said an Englishman at last, "suppose you tell us something you cannot do and I will undertake to do it."

"Thank ye," repl'd the Scot, "I canna pay my bill here."—*Atlas News*, hm, *Atlas Auto Finance Co.*

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My neighbor informed me proudly that her 5th grader had made the honor roll this month. Not to be outdone, and ignorant of the fact that the honor roll includes children only from the 3rd grade thru the 8th, I asked our 6-yr-old Marian if she, too, had made the honor roll this month.

"Why, mama," she repl'd solemnly, "we have no honor in the 1st grade." — Mrs. R A HANNIGAN, *Catholic Digest*.

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A man driving his American car thru Europe turned into a very narrow alley in one town and ended up where the alley was too narrow to let the car thru and he could not back it out.

He left the car and went down the street until he found a mechanic who spoke a little English. They went back to the car, the mechanic sized up the situation, shook his head and said:

"It is useless to try to remove that car. I advise you to leave it where it is and go look for a tenant. It is big enough for a house and too big for a car." — *Monroe County (Wis) Democrat*.

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A conservative is one who refuses to get a color tv set until he finishes the payments on his stereoptical viewer. A progressive is one who dashes out to buy a color television set without waiting to see whether or not electricity is here to stay.—HAROLD COFFIN.

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Most couples these days have a plan for the future. It's known as the installment plan. — CAROLINE CLARK.

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Wolf: A man who tries to make life a bed of ruses.—DAN BENNETT.

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It's all right for a man to put a woman on a pedestal as long as he doesn't put her on the shelf.—EDNA MAY BUSH.

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The modern proposal is a matter of popping the question without questioning the pop.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Bridegroom: A guy who began by handing out a line and ended by walking it.—IVERN BOYETT.

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A man who thinks he can convince his wife he's right soon finds out he's wrong.—HAL CHADWICK.

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Some men acquire a will of iron by marrying the owner.—CARL ELLSTAM.

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Stopping at a roadside stand that advertised strawberries, the customer was told by the woman in charge that they were sold out but that her husband had gone to get some more. As he debated whether to wait or not, he asked if she were sure they would be fresh.

The woman gave a dumbfounded look and then glanced over her shoulder at her husband emerging from the berry patch. "Well," she said, blandly, "he's a-runnin', ain't he?"—*Wisconsin Jnl of Education*. h

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During a film conf Chaplin was waging a bitter battle with a fly. After he had missed it a few times with his hand he asked for a fly swatter and then missed it 20 times in a row. Finally the disturber of the peace sat down right in front of Chaplin, who carefully raised the swatter. All the mbrs of the conf held their breath. But Chaplin did not feel the fatal blow — at the last moment he let the fly get away.

"For heaven's sake," someone shouted, "why did you do that?"

Chaplin shook his head resignedly and repl'd with a sigh, "It wasn't the same fly." — *Revue, Munich* (Quote translation). i

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The shop keeper decided to sell \$17 electric shavers for \$15 as a loss-leader to bring new customers into his store. The day of the sale a big sign went up in the window of his competitor across the st: "We repair \$15 electric shavers." — *Pourquoi Pas? Brussels* (Quote translation). j

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Paying no attention to the red traffic light, the whizzing cars, or the policeman's outraged whistle, the little old lady marched across the st. Brakes squealed, horns blasted and the cop strode angrily up to her. "Say, lady," he growled, "didn't you see my hand raised? Don't you know what that means?"

"Well, I should hope I do," snapped the lady. "I've been teaching school for 25 yrs."—*Texas Outlook*. k

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The telephone rang in the principal's office the other day.

"Is this the high school?" asked a worried voice.

"Yes," repl'd the principal, "what can I do for you?"

Repl'd the worried one: "I'm calling up to find out if you have any classes at night that a father can attend to learn the slang of the day, so he will be able to understand what his children are talking about."—*School Activities*. l

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Barry Sullivan, the actor, tells about a youngster who came into class one morning with a large bump on his head.

"Goodness, Johnny," commented his teacher. "What on earth happened to your head?"

"Oh," ans'red the lad, "that's where Daddy helped me with my arithmetic last night."—*E E Kevyon, American Wkly*. m

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A young college freshman wrote home to his father: "I've decided to quit school and get married. I'm engaged to a peach."

In due course, he rec'd this reply: "Suggest it would be wise to take my advice and leave the peach to its parent stem until you are able to preserve it." — *Philnews, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n*. n

## light armour

Richard Armour



### Season's Greetings

*Michigan State University poultry researchers are trying to grow chickens with built-in seasoning. They add various spices to the normal feed mixture.—News item.*

My reaching hand is sharply halted,

For I remember now: it's salted,  
It's peppered, too, and has the  
savor

Of garlic in its chicken flavor. . .

Say, will it come to this? Will hens  
Be eating spices in their pens?  
And, fluttering about in droves,  
Will they give off the scent of  
cloves?

If so, what will the rooster think?  
Will it not make him start, and  
blink?

If hens are onion-fed, for stew,  
Won't he be forced to eat some too?

But what goes on in barnyards,  
truly,  
Does not concern us—not unduly.  
However, what we are concerned  
about,  
And maybe just a little burned  
about

Is when the chicken's on the table  
And we're forestalled, find we're  
unable

To test, then season what we've  
tested. . .

What's next? A chicken pre-  
digested?

Frank M Kohout, local v-pres of  
Minneapolis Fed of Men Teachers  
rec'd the following note (as an ex-  
cuse for tardiness):

"Dear Teacher. Please excuse  
John for being late. His uncle died  
last night and we had a hard time  
waking him up this morning." —  
RALPH O RAMSTAD, *Minneapolis Fed  
of Men Teachers News Bulletin.* o

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When we listen to the extrava-  
gant claims made by the medicine  
men on tv and radio we find our-  
selves thinking that their curative  
powers are about equal to some  
medicine Sambo's friend, Rastus,  
used.

Sambo asked, "Where yo' goin'  
boy?"

"I'se goin' down to get myself  
some tuberculosis stamps," explain-  
ed Rastus.

"What is dey?" Sambo asked cur-  
iously. "I ain't never heard tell of  
'em."

"Every yr," Rastus told him, "I  
gets mahself 50 cents worth of dem  
tuberculosis stamps and stick dem  
on mah chest and I ain't never had  
tuberculosis yet." — *Wright Line*,  
hm, Wright Line, Inc. p

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"I notice," the judge commented,  
"that in addition to stealing this  
money, you took a lot of valuable  
jewelry."

"Yes, your honor," said the pris-  
oner cheerfully. "You see, my mo-  
ther taught me from childhood  
that money alone does not bring  
happiness."—*Wooden Barrel*, hm,  
Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of  
America. q

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NATHAN M PUSEY, pres, Harvard Univ, *addressing a group of alumni*: "The last thing we need to worry about is whether we are producing enough engineers and technicians at the lower levels. We'd better worry about whether we are producing as many good people at the top level of science as Russia."

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Dr EDW TELLER, prof of Physics, Univ of Calif Radiation Lab'y, *asked to comment on nuclear situation*: "Well, I think without any doubt we shall stay ahead of the Russians in football."

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the NEW

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We're about to freeze to death, which makes us conscious of weather-wise gadgets, for Christmas giving or otherwise. The one which appeals to us most right now is a heated screen, mkt'd by Arvin Industries, Columbus, Ind. Designed for comfortable dressing on chilly mornings, plastic screen has 3 radiant heat panels to warm your back. It can't scorch or burn, and will turn off automatically if upset. It runs on AC current; black with silver trim. \$89.95.

The recipient of this can save up to 25% in fuel bills. Table-top electric humidifier increases humidity in a 10' by 14' room up to 50% for

1c a day, allows lower heat for comfort. (*Don't give this to asthmatic relatives. They'll kill you.*) \$19.95 from Safeguard Corp'n, Lansdale, Pa.

We still think it's easier to look out the window—but for amateur weathermen, there's a home version of the professional recording barometer. It plugs into house current, traces a 7-day record of changes on revolving drum. Frankly, we don't see much point in finding out what the weather has already been, but perhaps we don't have the proper scientific attitude. It's \$49.50 from Taylor Instrument Co, Rochester, N Y.

